

Murray-Hayden Comments During Public Comment Period		Revised 10/30/01
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Definitions	Define the Neighborhood Service Area as "the neighborhood to be served by proposed project".	Comments from public indicated the need for a more defined area, as stated in the Criteria.
	Define the Neighborhood Service Area as being an area within 1/4 mile radius from project.	No change - Comments from public indicated that 1/4 mile is too restrictive.
Minimum/Maximum	Allow for exceptions in maximum cap if sufficient need is demonstrated.	No change - funding formula allows for maximum fund distribution.
	Raise the cap due to high need and costs.	No change - funding formula allows for maximum fund distribution.
	Remainder of funds could have a cap of \$3 million per project.	This change was implemented.
Eligible Applicants	Clarify "Heavily Urbanized City" and whether a city of 47,000 would be eligible to apply in a county of less than 750,000 population.	Clarification of "Heavily Urbanized City" is provided in Definitions section.
	The threshold for eligible counties should be changed to include "all urbanized counties".	Statute requires a focus on "heavily urbanized cities and counties".
	Clarify which neighborhoods are identified by States Parks as meeting the criteria in Section 5096.348.	Local entities can best identify those neighborhoods, using the criteria in the Procedural Guide.
	Include State-owned district Agricultural Association Fairs, county and privately-owned fair organizations in eligible Applicants.	These entities are not statutorily eligible to apply for funding. However, all entities are encouraged to partner with other local organizations.
Amount of Funds Available	Clarify where Murray-Hayden funds go (i.e., the entire \$100 million).	\$50 million was allocated to Legislatively-specified projects, \$45 million to competitive projects (minus administration costs levels - about \$43 million for competitive projects), \$5 million to California Youth Authority, in conformance with Section 5096.348.
Matching Requirements	Clarify last sentence in first paragraph under "Match from private or Non-State Sources - "At Applicant's option..."	Clarification can be provided by the Project Officer.
Important Points	Clarify when funds available for expenditure and when they will be in budget.	Funds were appropriated in Fiscal Year 2001-2002. Project officers can clarify when funds are available for expenditure.
	Clarify consequences if a contract is not finalized by due date.	Funds revert and will not be available for that project.
	Need more specific information on project approval process.	This information is contained in Section IV, Grant Process, and the Project Officer can supply further information.C42
	Provide sources for Performance Bonds.	There are several bonding companies available.
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Important Points	Provide the amount of the Performance Bond dollars normally required.	The amount of the Performance Bond companies charge is dependent on the type of project and the amount of funds the Applicant requests.
Project Proposal Narrative	Clarify that whether the maximum number of pages includes attachments.	No, the maximum number of pages does not include attachments. This information is contained in Section VI, Project Selection Criteria.
	Provide copies of Bond Act or locations to access it.	This information is contained in Appendix M, Suggested Information Sources.
Scoring Criteria		
Need	It is difficult to compare a city with a park service area for statistics.	The Applicant will need to provide data that describes the need for the project.
	2000 Census Info may not be available yet - should be able to use 1990 data.	Change the Procedural Guide to reflect using 1990 Census data as a consistent reference source for data support.
	Clarify where to locate data on free/reduced price lunches.	This information is contained in Appendix M, Suggested Information Sources.
Immediate Proximity and Access	Increase points from 10 to 15 for this category.	No change - lack of adequate justification for the change.
	Need to recognize those Applicants serving clients outside the Neighborhood Service Area.	The criteria was changed to allow an explanation if the project serves clients outside the Neighborhood Service Area.
	Remove this criterion, because high population density is not necessarily indicative of need.	No change - lack of adequate justification for the change.
	Ask Applicant to cite sources for info for this category.	The Applicant will be asked to provide the sources of the information.
	Ensure that the public can access the project through walking.	Applicants will receive the maximum amount of points for this category if they provide the best access to projects.
	High population density is not indicative of need. The immediate proximity criterion is superfluous and should be eliminated.	No change - lack of adequate justification for the change. Statute requires a focus on "heavily urbanized cities and counties".

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Immediate Proximity and Access	Access is limited in many underserved communities, and the solutions can be very expensive. Eliminate the access criterion, but seek viable solutions for improving access.	No change - access is vitally important.
	Change either to a larger distance (e.g., 2 miles) or allow Applicant to present evidence their project should be considered if outside radius.	The rating criteria has been expanded to include the opportunity for Applicants to present such evidence.
Community Collaboration	Increase points from 25 to 30 in this category.	The majority of public opinion is to allow a maximum of 25 points.
	Define where the employable youth come from - are they supposed to be neighborhood residents? Also - a concern on how to recruit at-risk youth for employment.	"In the Neighborhood Service Area" was deleted from the criteria.
	Change language to state: "Describe how Applicant will partner with local entities".	Applicants are encouraged to partner with as many entites as possible to ensure the success of the project.
	Require Applicants located outside 1/4 mile radius to partner with agencies in Neighborhood Service Area.	Applicants are encouraged to partner with as many entites as possible to ensure the success of the project.
	Clarify if the Applicant should employ residents or simply finds employment for the residents at the site.	The Legislation requires that "priority shall be given to Capital Projects that employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth."
Project Benefits	Clarify if the Applicant must have an affiliation with local Non-Profit Organizations, and whether this would include elected representatives.	The Applicant is encouraged to partner with as many entites as possible to ensure the success of the project.
	Request that Applicants provide number of clients served annually.	This information is not rated; therefore, the sentence is deleted from the criteria.
	Too much emphasis on hours of operation.	No change - hours of operation are critical for At-Risk Youth.
	Reduce points for this category to 10.	The majority of public opinion is to allow a maximum of 25 points.

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Other	Conduct outreach meetings for non-traditional Applicants.	The Department has been conducting outreach meetings, and has also scheduled a series of Technical Assistance meetings designed to provide information targeted to non-traditional Applicants.
	Add a timetable for major project dates.	This information is included in Appendix B, Application Checklist.
	Clarify how the grant awards will be announced.	This information is included in Section IV, Grant Process.